

Kentucky Board of Education, Regular Meeting February 4, 2015

SUMMARY MINUTES

The Kentucky Board of Education held its regular meeting on February 4, 2015, in the State Board Room, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky. The board conducted the following business:

I. Call to Order, Full Board Session, February 4, 2015, 8:30 AM (EST)

Chair Roger Marcum called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He made the following announcements:

- Cell phones should be muted or turned off.
- The meeting materials can be located through the board's online system either on the department's website or using the link posted in the state board room.
- The board welcomes those viewing the meeting via webcast.

II. Roll Call

Marcum then asked for Mary Ann Miller to call the roll.

Attendance Taken at 8:30 AM:

Present Board Members:

Mr. Grayson Boyd
Mr. Leo Calderon
Ms. Debra Cook
Mr. Samuel Hinkle
Mr. David Karem
Mr. Roger Marcum
Mr. Jonathan Parrent
Ms. Nawanna Privett
Mr. William Twyman
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler

After confirming attendance, Marcum noted that it is his understanding that Trevor Bonnstetter will be resigning due to moving out of state. He noted a new member would need to be appointed once this is verified.

III. Approval of Minutes from the December 2-3, 2014, Regular Meeting

Chair Marcum indicated that a motion and second to approve the minutes from the December 2-3, 2014 meeting would be needed. Since no changes came forward, he asked for motion, second and vote.

Motion Passed: Approval of the minutes from the December 2-3, 2014 meeting passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Absent
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

IV. Introduction of New KDE Employees and Team Member of the Month

Due to Commissioner Holliday being at the Council of Postsecondary Education for a short meeting, Dr. Tommy Floyd, KDE Chief of Staff, introduced the following new employees and team member of the month:

New Employees:

Office of Administration and Support:

Mary Beth Wheeler, Education Financial Analyst, Division of District Support

Office of Next Generation Learners:

Ashley Wink, Exceptional Children Consultant, Division of Learning Services

Yayo Radder, Exceptional Children Consultant, Division of Learning Services

Office of Guiding Support Services:

Todd Allen, Staff Attorney

Office of Career and Technical Education:

Glen Borders, Consultant, Construction Programs, Division of College & Career Readiness

Office of Knowledge, Information and Data Services:

James Denton, Systems Consultant IT, Division of Enterprise Data

Team Member of the Month:

Caryn Davidson, Program Consultant, Office of Next Generation Learners

V. Report of the Secretary of Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

Chair Marcum asked Secretary Tom Zawacki if he had anything to add to his written report that appeared on the board's online materials site.

Secretary Zawacki highlighted the following:

- The Workforce Investment area is implementing the elements of the Workforce Opportunities Act with the first step to be evaluation of the currently designated areas for appropriateness. The steering committee has made a recommendation that is undergoing public review through hearings and then once that feedback is considered, the steering committee will make a recommendation to the Governor. Then, the Governor, through executive order, will make the designation of the new areas.
- The Talking Book program received a \$1.5 million bequest from a patron's will who used the program during his/her life.

VI. Report of the President of the Council on Postsecondary Education

Chair Marcum noted that President King was not able to attend but pointed out his written report was posted on the board's online materials site.

VII. Report of the Executive Director of the Education Professional Standards Board

Chair Marcum noted that Executive Director Robert Brown was unable to be at the meeting but said his report was available on the board's online materials site. He then stated that Jimmy Adams, EPSB Deputy Executive Director, was present to represent Brown and asked if he wanted to make any comments.

Mr. Adams expressed Robert Brown's regrets at not being able to be present. He highlighted the following:

- 2014 new National Board Certified Teachers will be recognized on March 5 in the Capitol rotunda and the KBE are invited to attend.
- The network to transform educator preparation is working with Amanda Ellis' office on the Empowering Effective Educators Grant and mini-grants will be going to schools this week.
- The EPSB continues to work on aligning KTIP and PGES with a pilot now occurring in 22 school districts.

VIII. Good News Items

The noted board members gave the following items of Good News:

- **Nawanna Privett:** Garrard County School District has made the "11th Annual Best Places to Work in Kentucky" list in the medium-sized company category that will be officially announced by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and the Kentucky Society for Human Resource Management at an awards ceremony on April 14 in Lexington. The selection process

is based on an assessment of the company's employee policies and procedures and the results of an internal employee survey. The competition is a multi-year initiative designed to motivate companies in the Commonwealth to focus, measure and move their workplace environments toward excellence.

Join me in congratulating Garrard County Schools for being selected to receive this recognition and for their excellence in creating a positive workplace environment!

- **Leo Calderon:** Rhonda Smith, physical education and health teacher at Lloyd Memorial High School in the Erlanger-Elsmere Independent School District, was named Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year by the Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. To be considered for the annual award, a teacher must conduct a quality physical education program following the National Association of Sport and Physical Education standards and guidelines. In addition, they must utilize various teaching methodologies and plan innovative learning experiences to meet the needs of all students, serve as a positive role model for personal health and fitness, exhibit sensitivity to the needs of all students, participate in professional development opportunities and provide service to the profession through leadership, presentations and/or writings.

Join me in congratulating Rhonda on being chosen for this honor!

IX. Public Comment Segment

Coming forward for this segment of the agenda were the persons listed below. The topics they presented are noted.

- Kerri Schelling of the Kentucky School Boards Association and Ramona Malone, Chair of the Newport Independent Board of Education representing the KSBA Board of Directors - Recognition of Kentucky Board of Education members for their service and appreciation of Commissioner Holliday's article acknowledging the work of school board members
- Richard Treitz, Citizen - Comments on the Common Core

Updated Attendance:

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter was noted to be present at: 8:55 AM.

Due to Trevor Bonnstetter's arrival at this point, Chair Marcum let Bonnstetter know that he had apprised the board of his need to resign due to a move. He stated that the board would miss him greatly but understands the need to do what is best for one's family. Marcum thanked Trevor for his service and wished him the best.

X. 704 KAR 3:370, Professional Growth and Effectiveness System Guidelines (First Reading; Review item) - Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 20-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Professionals

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis reminded the board that this regulation was approved last June and reported that the system is currently being fully implemented. She explained that the regulation must be reopened to incorporate a change the United States Department of Education is requiring as part of the ESEA waiver and to add the system for other professionals that is currently undergoing a pilot. Ellis stated that a steering committee made up of representatives from the positions included in the "other professionals" system guided the development of this new part of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES). She said it contains the same components as the other parts of PGES as adapted to the work of the other professionals. Ellis pointed out that through feedback, staff has been asked to look at district administrators and the requirements of the Educator Development Suite between now and when the regulation comes back for the second reading in April.

Bill Twyman then asked how growth will be calculated for other professionals.

Associate Commissioner Ellis replied that every teacher will set student growth goals unique to their jobs and clarified it is not a test score. Rather, she explained, these will be related to the environment and learning culture. Ellis said she would send the board additional information on this topic as follow-up to the meeting.

Next, Leo Caldron asked if each "other professional" will receive professional development related to his/her goals.

Ellis responded that everyone will have a growth plan tailored to their professional needs.

Jay Parent then asked for clarification on the student voice survey to be used by the other professionals.

Ms. Ellis answered that these persons will use a different student voice survey suited to their professions. She noted that from the pilot that is occurring, the findings in this area can be brought back to a future meeting.

Mary Gwen Wheeler asked if preschool teachers were part of the other professionals group.

Ellis clarified that they are considered teachers but said a pilot on guidance documents for them occurred this year.

Mr. Twyman continued his questioning by inquiring how the "time" issue is rolling out.

Ms. Ellis replied that the biggest time issue has been the use of the technology for the system. She commented that when the department eased up on the requirements for this system, the pressure seemed to be relieved. Ellis went on to say that is why the department is reconsidering the use of the Educator Development Suite because it is not about the technology but about improving teaching.

At this point, Sam Hinkle asked for an explanation of why there was opposition by the Teacher Steering Committee to the language that was being deleted on page 17 of the regulation.

Ellis explained that the committee felt that the composition of the model and its elements were agreed on by a lengthy consensus process that should not be changed by the federal level. She indicated that she reminded the committee that principals cannot be accomplished if they score low on anything.

Chair Marcum brought the discussion to a close and noted the regulation would come back for its second reading in April.

XI. Report of the Commissioner of Education

Chair Marcum asked Commissioner Holliday if he had anything to add to his written report.

Holliday stated that there has been a lot of tilling of the ground happening in the last few weeks relative to the *Kentucky Rising* initiative. He noted a lot of progress was made in this state with KERA in 1990 and Senate Bill 1 (2009); however, he emphasized that the next step is to move up and compete with the best within the United States as well as internationally. The commissioner continued that the foundation for economic development is education. He indicated that the work group and steering committee being formed for *Kentucky Rising* will work to define global readiness and the new diploma. To lay the basis for this work, the commissioner pointed out that the chairs and vice chairs of the three major education boards and their agency heads met in January to discuss this initiative and then agreed they would take a resolution supporting this work back to their respective boards for approval. He stated that the board is being asked to approve the resolution today.

At this point, Chair Marcum asked Vice-Chair Jay Parrent to comment on the meeting he and Parrent attended on behalf of the Kentucky Board of Education.

Parrent indicated that the meeting of the three board chairs and vice-chairs and their agency heads was extremely positive and this is seen as a systemic approach.

Chair Marcum moved on to say that it is his understanding that Mary Gwen Wheeler has some concerns about the resolution.

Ms. Wheeler explained that she supports the concept but is concerned with the wording of the resolution because it ends with improving the state's standing in international trade. She suggested an amendment that would take the last phrase and make it the last "Whereas" statement to read "The Kentucky Board of Education shares a common goal to establish Kentucky as a world leader in the high, value-added international trade of goods and services with broadly shared prosperity for its residents." Additionally, she proposed that the end of the resolution read as follows: "Now Therefore, be it resolved that the Kentucky Board of Education commits to the development and implementation of a unified strategic plan titled Kentucky Rising, the purpose of which is to create a Kentucky workforce and citizenry that will be globally aware and globally competent, and considered among the world's best trained and best educated."

Commissioner Holliday commented that the thought this was a good amendment and since the Kentucky Board of Education is the first board to consider adoption, the new version can be sent to the other boards for consideration.

Leo Calderon and Trevor Bonnstetter both expressed their support for the initiative and the amendment of the resolution.

Chair Marcum then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the amended version of the resolution supporting *Kentucky Rising*.

Motion Passed: Approval of the resolution in support of Kentucky Rising with amendments suggested by Mary Gwen Wheeler passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler and a second by Mr. Samuel Hinkle.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XII. Kentucky's Plan to Close Achievement Gaps Through Novice Reduction (Review Item) - Commissioner Terry Holliday, Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster and Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priorities: Next Generation Learners and Next Generation Schools and Districts

Coming forward for this agenda item were Chief of Staff Tommy Floyd, Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster. Dr. Floyd began by saying that it is known that gaps still exist in spite of all of the efforts by many. He emphasized that this is the reason for including the novice reduction piece in the accountability changes the board is considering so that a focus can be brought on individual students. Floyd noted that the commissioner promised to bring back a plan to the board that focused on reaching each child and that is what Associate Commissioners Ellis and Foster are here to talk about.

Associate Commissioner Foster began the explanation of the plan using the PowerPoint that was posted on the board's online materials site. She said that a laser focus on areas of concern will work as demonstrated by what has been accomplished with Senate Bill 1 and SB 97. Foster said the department will do a similar process relative to gap closure using novice reduction as the key initiative. She used the chart in the slide presentation to point out the key core work processes and how these tie to the delivery process.

Then, Associate Commissioner Ellis added that this work is not about changing test scores but is about changing the approach. She emphasized more policies are not needed and we can use what is already there. Ellis said this would be an agency-wide focus to identify what processes and measures will push on student outcomes. She stated that the next steps are to prioritize the processes and narrow down what can best address the problems. Also, she noted that department staff will be looking at how best to message this work out to districts with the goal in mind of having it ready to roll out at the September superintendents' summit.

Bill Twyman then stated that the gap has been around a long time and this work will take a lot of effort. He asked where teachers will be able to get the extra time to work with these students.

Kelly Foster replied that this is about giving schools and districts the right resources and techniques to use in the time they already have.

Amanda Ellis added that the department also will look at what is being done with existing time because this work must be strategic and intentional.

Chair Marcum then called on Commissioner Holliday to comment on this new plan.

Commissioner Holliday commented that it is the department's role to provide both resources and accountability. He felt it is a great opportunity with possible ESEA reauthorization to increase what works and discontinue what does not.

Nawanna Privett stated that she is glad to see so much work on this topic and agreed that it cannot be an add-on but instead must be the actual work with students.

Jay Parrent noted that parent engagement must be part of this work.

Amanda Ellis replied that it is part of the stakeholder engagement piece.

XIII. 703 KAR 5:200, Next Generation Learners; 703 KAR 5:225, School and District Accountability, Recognition, Support and Consequences; and 703 KAR 5:240, Accountability Administrative Procedures and Guidelines (Second Reading; Action/Discussion Item) - Associate Commissioner Ken Draut - 60-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners and Next Generation Schools and Districts

Chair Marcum announced that today constituted the second reading of the accountability regulations and said that the board will be asked to approve them. He then recognized Associate Commissioner Ken Draut to talk about any additional changes that had occurred to the regulatory language since the board last saw the regulations.

Associate Commissioner Draut reminded the board that the department started back in May and June of 2014 gathering feedback on potential changes to the accountability system and brought the proposals to the superintendents' summit in September. Then, he noted, in October, a discussion was held with the board on the proposals that had come forward along with the feedback from different groups, followed by a first reading of the regulatory language in December to include the

changes the board had directed to come forward. Draut stated that between the December meeting and today, the School Curriculum, Assessment and Accountability Council had reviewed the regulations and some of their suggestions are now incorporated into the language. At this point, he went through the additional changes that were made in the regulations since the board last saw them as itemized in the staff note on the board's online system.

As part of the discussion, Commissioner Holliday shared that the Governor expressed he had heard from some superintendents that an annual report should be required from high schools to closely monitor the number of withdrawals for home school purposes as related to the implementation of SB 97 that raised the dropout age to 18.

Grayson Boyd asked if there had been any problems with schools having students enroll in home schools to avoid taking the state test.

Ken Draut responded that this is the reason Commissioner Holliday will be having department staff to do an annual report.

General Counsel Kevin Brown indicated he would do a memorandum to the board on home school requirements and include data on the number of students served by this option.

At this point, Chair Marcum pointed out that the Local Superintendents Advisory Council had sent the board a letter of support for the regulations.

Draut added that the Office of Education Accountability had submitted some suggestions, which were reviewed by the department, and reported that several of these that are technical in nature will be included in the final version of the regulations.

Nawanna Privett commented that superintendents expressed some concern about the increasing complexity of the system.

Draut replied that the system is complex but it looks at the full scope of schools in several ways.

Mary Gwen Wheeler said that due to the complexity, it is important to continue to educate the public about the system.

Chair Marcum asked the commissioner and Ken Draut if they saw the possibility of a simpler system in the future.

Commissioner Holliday replied that if we go back to a simpler model like the one under No Child Left Behind, bad consequences occur. He stated that if ESEA is reauthorized, it may let states develop their own accountability models. Holliday commented that messaging can always be improved but stated he is not hopeful the system will get simpler.

Then, Chair Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the three regulations.

Motion Passed: Approval of 703 KAR 5:200, Next Generation Learners; 703 KAR 5:225, School and District Accountability, Recognition, Support and Consequences; and 703 KAR 5:240, Accountability Administrative Procedures and Guidelines passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Mr. William Twyman.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

Following the approval of the regulations, Marcum pointed out that this meeting will be Ken Draut's last one since he is retiring March 1. He thanked Draut for his over 30 years of service to education and for his work with the board. Marcum asked Mary Ann Miller to read a resolution written in honor of Draut for consideration of passage by the board.

Miller read the following:

**Resolution Honoring Kenneth L. Draut
by
The Kentucky Board of Education
Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Whereas, Kentucky has made significant strides in educational improvement resulting from both the Kentucky Education Reform Act (1990) and Senate Bill 1 (2009);

Whereas, A central component of Kentucky's education system is the statewide assessment and accountability system;

Whereas, Kenneth L. Draut has exhibited outstanding leadership for educational improvement in various capacities for more than 30 years, and in the most recent part of his career has led the implementation of Kentucky's assessment and accountability system with integrity and dedication to fairness, reliability and validity;

Whereas, Kenneth L. Draut is well-respected by his state and national colleagues in the assessment and accountability field;

Whereas, Kenneth L. Draut has devoted countless hours of his time to the work of the Office of Assessment and Accountability, resulting in both personal and professional sacrifice;

Whereas, Kenneth L. Draut has performed his duties at the Kentucky Department of Education at the distinguished level and is held in extraordinary regard by his department colleagues; and,

Whereas, Kenneth L. Draut is retiring from his tenure as Associate Commissioner of the Office of Assessment and Accountability, effective March 1, 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Kentucky Board of Education hereby resolves to recognize and express its gratitude to Kenneth L. Draut for the unwavering commitment he has shown to the success of students in the Commonwealth, for his service to the board in supporting and guiding its decisions related to assessment and accountability and for his friendship to us all throughout the years.

Done in the city of Frankfort, this fourth day of February, in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen.

Draut stated that he is retiring with mixed emotions and emphasized that he has always been surrounded by strong teams of staff. He said that his career has been wonderful and that he appreciated the resolution and kind remarks.

At this point, Chair Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the resolution.

Mary Gwen Wheeler moved to approve it and David Karem seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

XIV. Presentation from the Council for Better Education on Funding Study (Review Item) - Tom Shelton, Executive Director of the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes

Chair Marcum welcomed Dr. Tom Shelton to the meeting and asked him to proceed with the presentation on the Council for Basic Education Funding Study.

Dr. Shelton stated that he has moved out of the Fayette County superintendent position into becoming the executive director for the Kentucky Association of School Superintendents and thus had to resign from his role with the Council for Basic Education. However, he explained that he is still doing some of the presentations on the study since he was heavily involved with this work. Shelton shared the following:

- It is not a study of SEEK.
- The intent was to look at designing a model for funding in Kentucky.
- The model is evidence-based.

- An advisory committee that is listed in the report was used to provide direction. It met four times with Piccus and Odden and met with citizens across the state.
- The executive summary on page 6 of part I is useful in understanding the report.
- An analysis was done to comparable states and high-performing states.

At this point, Dr. Shelton walked through elements of the model itself, pages 50-56, of Chapter 3. He noted that pages 57 and after contain the research supporting the model.

Chair Marcum asked what kind of reaction was occurring to the study by the General Assembly and what is desired to occur from this information being available.

Shelton replied that the study has been presented to a variety of legislators and to legislative staff and the reaction has been reserved with the promise to examine the data. He shared that the plan is to spend 2015 meeting with groups across the state and refining the model. Shelton clarified that the numbers of \$9.3 to \$9.4 billion associated with the model in Volume 2 does not specify how much of this is state and how much is local. Also, he said that this dollar amount is not being pursued with the General Assembly at this time.

Chair Marcum felt that the research from the study that shows what is essential for education will be very useful.

XV. Legislative Update (Review Item) - Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman - 15-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes

Associate Commissioner Kevin Brown and Legislative Liaison Tracy Herman came forward for this agenda item. Herman said 100 bills were dropped yesterday and thus an update will have to be sent to the board to summarize these. She noted that the emerging issues seem to be dual credit, charter schools and the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System funding. Herman then highlighted some of the bills that would affect education.

At this point, Commissioner Holliday reviewed that his position on charters is that he supports them if the local board of education is the authorizer.

David Karem said that he wished charter advocates would realize a lot of flexibility already exists as allowed by current law.

Chair Marcum took the opportunity to point out that an article appeared in the Louisville *Courier-Journal* about Mary Gwen Wheeler and her husband, David Jones, being a power couple in education. He congratulated Wheeler on this. Next, he announced that the board would be recessing for lunch and would resume the full board session at 1:00 p.m. Before recessing, he reminded the board that they needed to gather in the reception area at 12:45 p.m. so that a group picture could be made.

XVI. Lunch - 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. (EST); First Floor Conference Room (Lunch provided for KBE members, invited guests and commissioner's planning committee only)

Chair Marcum announced that the board would recess for lunch and reconvene at 1:00 p.m. in the State Board Room for the AdvanceKentucky update.

XVII. AdvanceKentucky Update (Review Item) - AdvanceKentucky Executive Director Joanne Lang - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: Next Generation Learners (1:00 p.m. EST)

Before starting the next agenda item, Chair Marcum called the board's attention to the new progress brochure at their seats and complimented the work of Communications Director Becky Blessing and her staff on these new information pieces.

Then, Joanne Lang, Executive Director of AdvanceKentucky, and Anthony Meyers, Director of Education Services, came forward for the presentation on AdvanceKentucky progress. She shared the following:

- The Cohort 8 high schools are: Bardstown Independent, Bullitt East, Jefferson County (Doss, Jeffersontown and Pleasure Ridge Park), Somerset Independent, Spencer County, Union County and Webster County.
- The program has moved from 6,000 to 30,000 taking exams and ground is being gained on the number of qualifying scores.
- A longitudinal study using a control group and experimental group is underway.
- AdvanceKentucky students perform better on PLAN and ACT, require less remediation, have higher GPAs, persist to the second year of college at a greater rate and graduate within four years at a greater rate.

XVIII. Update on the Kentucky Education North Star Project (Review Item) - Wayne Young, Executive Director of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators - 30-minute presentation/discussion - Strategic Priority: KDE Support and Guiding Processes

Kentucky Association of School Administrators Wayne Young and Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai came forward for this agenda topic. Young used a PowerPoint to share the following information:

- This is the second year of the North Star program that focuses on process improvement and performance excellence.
- The premise is to assist districts on operating with maximum efficiency, establishing systems and processes, and reallocating resources.
- It is a partnership between the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Association of School Administrators and the American Productivity and Quality Center (APQC).
- The desired outcomes are to reallocate cost savings back to classrooms and implement process performance management.
- In 2013-14, it involved grants to 15 school districts.

- Findings and results were summarized along with learnings gathered for the next round of grants.
- The second year grants were awarded to 11 districts and some of the existing districts moved from Tier 1 to Tier 2.
- \$1 million is being reallocated back to classrooms.

XIX. Management Committee Meeting (2:15 p.m. EST; Tentative Time)

XIX.A. Action/Consent Items

XIX.A.1. New District Facility Plans: Carroll County, Covington Independent, Greenup County, Hart County and Powell County School Districts (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Division Director Kay Kennedy and Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai came forward for this item. Kennedy said that all of these received a unanimous vote from the local boards and except for Greenup County, a unanimous vote came from the Local Planning Committee. She indicated staff recommended approval of the plans.

Committee Chair Bill Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the new district facility plans.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the New District Facility Plans for Carroll County, Covington Independent, Greenup County, Hart County and Powell County School Districts passed with a motion by Mr. David Kareem and a second by Mr. Grayson Boyd.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XIX.A.2. 2014-15 Local District Tax Rates Levied (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Kay Kennedy and Hiren Desai remained at the table. She noted that one local district's tax rate was resubmitted for approval because it was previously submitted containing an error. Kennedy stated that approval is recommended.

Committee Chair Twyman then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the tax rate.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of all submitted 2014-15 Local District Tax Rates Levied passed with a motion by Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XIX.A.3. Request for Waiver of 702 KAR 4:180, Section 304 by the Fayette County School District (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai explained that the waiver request was submitted by Fayette County in reference to the new high school the district is building that will accommodate 1,800 students. He said the allowed square footage is 226,800 square feet and the district wants to raise the building to 272,160 square feet. He referenced the letter from the district that was submitted with the staff note and stated the district does have some unique challenges. Desai then turned it over to staff from the district to address the request.

Mary Wright, head of Fayette County Facilities, and the architect, Susan Hill, came forward. It was explained that the school will contain Carter Woodson Academy as well as the regular high school program and that two gyms are necessary to meet the needs of students in these programs.

At this point, Committee Chair Twyman asked for a motion, second and vote on the waiver request.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the request for a waiver of 702 KAR 4:180, Section 304 by the Fayette County School District passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Ms. Debra Cook.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes

XIX.B. Review Items

XIX.B.1. 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of Agent to Manage Middle and High School Interscholastic Athletics and Revisions in Kentucky High School Athletic Association Bylaws (First Reading) (Review Item; KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Associate Commissioner/General Counsel Kevin Brown and KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett came forward for this item. Brown reminded the committee that this regulation comes forward every year for KHSAA to update with any bylaw or constitution changes that come forward through its membership and Board of Control. He then asked Tackett to go over the proposed changes.

Commissioner Tackett went over four changes and noted that a couple of others will be added when the regulation comes back for its second reading.

XIX.B.2. KHSAA Annual Report Per Requirements of 702 KAR 7:065 (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

KHSAA Commissioner Julian Tackett went through the elements of the annual report from the organization. He noted that all is in order according to the audit.

XIX.B.3. Status Update on State Management in the Breathitt County School District (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

Coming forward for this item were Associate Commissioners Kelly Foster and Hiren Desai and State Manager Larry Hammond. Desai stated that the committee could review the staff note for a summary of the status of the district that was submitted by Mr. Hammond, and Hammond pointed out the completion of some items. Desai noted that the Kentucky School Boards Association is working with the district to provide targeted training for the purpose of building capacity of the board over the next two years. He said he hoped to finalize the training plan soon and provide an update to the state board at its next meeting.

XIX.B.4. Status Update on School Districts in State Assistance (Fleming, Robertson and Menifee Counties) (KDE Support and Guiding Processes)

For this item, Kelly Foster, Hiren Desai and Jim Hamm came forward. Foster said that in Menifee, a team has been to the district and all PDSAs have been completed. She indicated that the plans will come forward at the April meeting. As to Fleming, Foster noted that Superintendent Creasman was present in the audience and said that the diagnostic review will occur in March for both the district and the high school. She commented that Mr. Hamm has stated that he is seeing positive evidence of the systems approach leading to improvement.

Hamm then added that it is miraculous that amount of change that is occurring in Fleming County with the district and school staffs doing many things on their own. He commented he is very pleased with the progress. Hamm went on to express that there are still issues but these are being addressed. He said the local board is working well with KDE staff and the senior leadership team is working hard.

As to Robertson Co., Hiren Desai said there are a lot of challenges with the primary areas being leadership, instructional issues and stagnant revenue. He continued that the long-term picture is not positive due to declining enrollment and inability of the district to sustain itself financially. Desai explained that the local board has two new members and one vacancy and emphasized KDE is working with them on the issues. He pointed out that state management may still be a consideration in the future.

Mr. Hamm added that a new instructional person and the principal are taking on the challenge of improvement. He felt that the finance officer is strong and noted a lot of passion exists in the district to improve. Hamm commented that the new board members seem knowledgeable.

XX. Curriculum Committee Meeting (3:00 p.m. EST; Tentative Time)

XX.A. Action/Discussion Items

XX.A.1. Carl D. Perkins Career & Technical Education Act of 2006 Rights, Responsibilities and Liabilities and Kentucky State Plan for FY16 (Next Generation Schools and Districts)

Associate Commissioner Dale Winkler and Branch Manager Karla Tipton came forward for this item. Winkler indicated that the board is being asked to approve the Carl D. Perkins Kentucky State

Plan for FY16. It was explained that the annual report comes to the board in December followed by the revised state plan at the next meeting. He clarified that it is the same plan with a split in funding of postsecondary 49% and secondary 51% and the accountability standards and goals for the year defined.

At this point, Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the plan.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the Kentucky State Plan for FY16 passed with a motion by Ms. Nawanna Privett and a second by Mr. Leo Calderon.

Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XX.A.2. Kentucky Tech System Policies and Procedures, Chapter 7 (state-operated area technology centers) (Next Generation Schools and Districts)

Associate Commissioner Dale Winkler indicated that the other policies and procedures were approved last summer but Chapter 7 was not completed at the time. He said it is now ready and the board is being asked to approve it so these can be used by the Kentucky Tech System.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler than asked for a motion, second and vote to approve Chapter 7.

Committee Motion Passed: Approval of the Kentucky Tech System Policies and Procedures, Chapter 7 passed with a motion by Mr. Jonathan Parrent and a second by Ms. Nawanna Privett.

Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XX.B. Review Items

XX.B.1. Update on Performance of the Priority Schools on Statewide Assessments (Next Generation Schools and Districts)

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster came forward for this review item. She reminded the committee that the Priority Schools effort is organized around three regions. Originally, she indicated that an Education Recovery Leader and two specialists were located in each school when there were only ten of them. Foster explained that this model is still followed but three persons are not always located in each school every day. She then went through a PowerPoint presentation that can be found on the board's online materials site.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler asked Foster to talk about the audits that are conducted in these schools.

Foster replied a diagnostic review occurs every two years for all Priority Schools and noted that Cohort 2 is receiving these this year. She said these were started in January and within 30 days of the review, the report is delivered to the school. Foster emphasized these are about continuous improvement.

Next, Bill Twyman stated that this initiative seems to focus on high schools.

Foster responded that she is not seeing high schools in the next potential wave of identified schools but instead is seeing more elementary and middle schools. She went on to point out that the new Priority Schools will be identified in the fall of 2015.

Commissioner Holliday thanked Foster and her staff for their tremendous work with these schools. He said the problem is continuing to fund the work. Holliday also shared that legislation is being considered that would allow districts to intervene earlier in these schools as well as KDE's Novice Reduction Plan being an intervention effort.

XX.B.2. State Systemic Improvement Plan (Next Generation Learners)

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis and Division Director Johnny Collett came forward for this item. Ellis stated that the purpose of the State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) is to improve educational results and outcomes for students with disabilities. She then asked Johnny Collett to talk about the plan.

Collett used a PowerPoint to share the following:

- On April 1, 2015, Kentucky, along with all other states, will submit to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) Phase 1 of a comprehensive and multi-year SSIP, focused on improving educational results and outcomes for students with disabilities.
- Kentucky's SSIP will increase the capacity of districts to implement, scale up, and sustain evidence-based practices.
- Kentucky will implement a framework to deliver intensive and targeted support in identified districts, while providing all districts with universal support.
- While Kentucky's College and Career Readiness (CCR) Rate overall is 62.3%, a significant improvement from our 2010 baseline of 34%, the CCR rate for students with disabilities (SWD) is only 21.9%.
- Kentucky's regional education cooperatives (Co-op) provide educational services and programs that support districts/schools. Each Co-op includes a special education division and pursuant to receipt of IDEA funds, is developing a Regional Systemic Improvement Plan (RSIP) to accelerate learning and close achievement gaps for students with disabilities.
- Kentucky's SSIP aligns to and supports KDE's broader efforts to close gaps. The SSIP and RSIPs will enable KY to deliver the differentiated technical assistance and support districts'

needs. The SSIP and RSIPs will support schools and districts in their comprehensive improvement planning (CSIP/CDIP).

- Kentucky's State Identified Measurable Result (SiMR) is "to increase the percentage of students with disabilities scoring at or above proficient and to reduce novice performance in middle school math, specifically at the 8th grade level, by providing professional learning, technical assistance and support to elementary teachers around implementing, scaling and sustaining evidence-based practices in math."
- KDE has established a State SSIP Team; entered into a partnership with the State Implementation and Scaling-up of Evidenced-based Practices (SISEP) Center; and engaged in a cross-agency State Capacity Assessment (SCA) to measure our capacity, track our progress, and engage in action planning around the SSIP.

XX.B.3. 704 KAR 5:070, Common kindergarten entry screener (First Reading; Next Generation Learners)

Associate Commissioner Amanda Ellis came forward for this item. She explained that in December KDE had a delay in getting out the K-Screener data and the commissioner has emphasized that the data is needed by schools and districts sooner. Thus, Ellis noted that a change is being proposed to the regulation that would require districts to enter the data 15 days after the administration of the screener and no later than October 15. She did clarify that districts already have the data upon administering the screener.

Committee Chair Mary Gwen Wheeler pointed out that this is the first reading of the regulation and said it will come back in April for approval.

XXI. Hearing Officer's Report (Full Board Meeting Resumes)

XXI.A. Approval of Final Order Placing Caverna Independent Under State Assistance (Action/Discussion Item)

General Counsel Kevin Brown indicated that a January 9 letter went to Chair Roger Marcum about the Caverna Independent Audit and the report's recommendations. He noted that the district is welcoming assistance and is not opposing this designation.

Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster said that the district did have a Priority School that exited out of that status; however, she explained that the district itself was found not to have capacity without significant support. Foster stated that the education recovery leader and the two specialists that were in the one school that exited Priority status will now move to the district level to work with all schools. She reported that the local board has done a work session on the results of the audit and discussed next steps. Foster shared that PDSAs and 30-60-90-day plans are in process and district staff are being very cooperative.

Chair Marcum then asked for a motion, second, and vote to approve state assistance for Caverna Independent.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Final Order placing Caverna Independent under state assistance passed with a motion by Mr. David Karem and a second by Mr. Samuel Hinkle.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXI.B. Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 3:320, Finance Officer Certification Requirements (Action/Discussion Item)

General Counsel Kevin Brown indicated that the public comment period on 702 KAR 3:320 ended yesterday. He said that written comments were received from five persons and these were responded to through the Statement of Consideration that appears on the board's online materials site.

Assistant General Counsel Amy Peabody summarized the Statement of Consideration.

Chair Marcum then asked for a motion, second and vote to approve the Statement of Consideration.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 3:320, Finance Officer Certification Requirements passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler and a second by Mr. Jonathan Parrent.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Kareem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXI.C. Report on Regulations (Review Item)

General Counsel Kevin Brown pointed out that the report on the status of the board's regulations is posted on the board's online materials site and indicated it is self-explanatory.

XXII. Approval of Action/Consent Items (Voted on as a block)

Chair Roger Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve all submitted action/consent items.

Motion Passed: Approval of all submitted action/consent items consisting of the district facility plans for Carroll, Greenup, Hart and Powell County School Districts and Covington Independent, the local district tax rate for Muhlenberg County and the waiver request from Fayette County of 702 KAR 4:180, Section 304 passed with a motion by Mr. William Twyman and a second by Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXIII. Information Items (Questions only)

XXIII.A. KDE Employment Report (All offices except Office of Career and Technical Education)

No questions came forward on this report.

XXIII.B. CTE Employment Report (Office of Career and Technical Education)

No questions came forward on this report.

XXIV. Board Member Sharing

Chair Marcum called on David Karem to share an item.

Karem indicated that there is a group in Kentucky that appears to be against the Common Core Curriculum, which is perfectly acceptable; however, on social media the group is associating those who support the curriculum with Hitler, which is quite unacceptable. He said he hoped others would speak out against the use of such tactics.

XXV. Report from the Curriculum Committee on Action/Discussion Items

Chair Marcum asked for a motion and vote on the action/discussion items from the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Committee.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Carl D. Perkins Kentucky State Plan for FY16 and the Kentucky Tech System Policies and Procedures, Chapter 7 passed with a motion by Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler.

Mr. Trevor Bonnstetter	Yes
Mr. Grayson Boyd	Yes
Mr. Leo Calderon	Yes
Ms. Debra Cook	Yes
Mr. Samuel Hinkle	Yes
Mr. David Karem	Yes
Mr. Roger Marcum	Yes
Mr. Jonathan Parrent	Yes
Ms. Nawanna Privett	Yes
Mr. William Twyman	Yes
Ms. Mary Gwen Wheeler	Yes

XXVI. Internal Board Business

Chair Marcum raised the following under this agenda item:

- Trevor Bonnstetter will be staying on the board through the June meeting until he moves his residence out of state.
- Suggestions on topics for future meetings were requested with these responses: further information on the CBE study, a summary of what regulations might be able to be eliminated and a report on the results of the non-traditional day program in June.
- Leo Calderon was appointed chair of the subcommittee to select the Dr. Johnnie Grissom Award with Mary Gwen Wheeler and Sam Hinkle serving as the other members.
- Jay Parrent will attend the NASBE Legislative Conference to represent the board. Also, Jay has been asked to serve as a member of NASBE's Governmental Affairs Committee. Chair Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to approve Parrent's travel. David Karem moved to approve the travel and Grayson Boyd seconded the motion. It carried.

XXVII. Litigation Report

No Litigation Report was requested.

XXVIII. Adjournment

Chair Marcum asked for a motion, second and vote to adjourn.

Trevor Bonnstetter moved to adjourn the meeting and Leo Calderon seconded the motion. It carried.